



# MONTEREY NEWS

AUGUST 1995



## THE TOWN

Tornado damage, relief, and expenditures continue to center concerns of Select Board meetings. By July 18, the Town of Monterey had paid expenses of \$155,220.41 recorded in the Police, Fire, Tree Warden, and Highway accounts. Estimates for replacing guard rails (\$5,000), burning and grinding of trees and brush (\$200,000), establishing fire breaks and fire access (\$130,000), and repairing River Road (\$1,000,000) appear acceptable to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

Select Board member Peter Brown said that the high cost of River Road repairs is due to poor conditions existing prior to the tornado. The road, which runs alongside the Konkapot River at the bottom of a steep slope, is now exceedingly dangerous, since the tornado blew down virtually all the old white pines growing above the road, leaving a situation ripe for erosion. River Road is used by school buses and other traffic. This figure is the only one now in question.

The good news is that Monterey will be reimbursed 100% by MEMA for these expenditures. Also, thanks to Senator Kerry, federal relief through the military—specifically, the Sea Bees—will help in the continuing cleanup. Construct, Inc., of Great Barrington has provided and is continuing to provide some financial relief to residents of Monterey, Great Barrington, and Egremont. For example, Construct offers the assistance of a structural engineer in assessing damage for insurance purposes. The insurance division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts should be called to help resolve



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problems with private insurance companies; contact Karl Schleimmer or Conrad Cizek at 413-785-5526.

John Higgins, a trustee of the Monterey Library, addressed the Select Board on July 10 to request that a building permit for construction of a handicapped access ramp to the library through the General Knox Wing no longer be held up. Library trustees have been at odds with the Monterey Historical Society, which is housed in the Knox Wing, over placement of the access ramp at their door instead of at the main door. According to Stefan Grotz, the library trustees have the prerogative in decisions regarding the premises, and the Select Board is not legally involved. The Board expressed hope that the parties will work together to resolve their conflict.

The building permit was issued on July 11 and work is currently under way.

— Jane Black

## THE BIDWELL HOUSE

August marks quite an increase in events for you to enjoy at The Bidwell House.

A new series of colonial crafts workshops for children is beginning, featuring weaving and printmaking. These workshops will be held Tuesday mornings, 9:30–10:30 on the grounds of The Bidwell House.

On August 1 and 15 we will conduct basic weaving workshops. Children will be given a demonstration of the basic types of weaving techniques. They will be taught to make a very simple loom from drinking straws on which they will weave wrist bands from yarn.

August 8 and 22 are the dates for the printmaking workshops. In these sessions, children will choose various materials to make mono-prints. This ancient printing method will teach composition and help the children to understand dif-





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ferent textures of materials. We ask that those who attend wear an old shirt to protect their clothing from printing ink.

These classes are designed for girls and boys from five to ten years of age. Classes are limited to ten participants. Reservations are required two days prior to each workshop. The cost of each workshop is \$10 per child, materials included.

A unique performance will take place at The Bidwell House on Friday, August 11. Bigger Light Theater (formerly Calliope Theater Company) will perform Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, staging the various acts throughout the beautiful gardens on the museum's property. There could be no more perfect setting for this eighteenth-century story than the 1750 parsonage of Adonijah Bidwell! The play begins at 5 p.m.. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. We ask that you bring your own lawn chair. Rain date is August 12.

On Saturday, August 26, Bidwell House Director Anita Carroll-Weldon will lead a special garden tour focusing

on the harvest. We will walk through the heirloom gardens and a talk about historic methods of harvesting and preserving herbs and vegetables. The tour begins at 2 p.m., and admission is free.

The first Herb Day will be offered at The Bidwell House on Sunday, August

27. Workshops on herbal cosmetics and grapevine wreathmaking will be held, and there will be a wild herb walk and talk. Admission of \$25 for the day includes a light luncheon in addition to workshop materials. The workshops are limited to fifteen participants, so register early (preregistration is re-

quired). Herb Day will begin at 11 a.m., and will end at 5 p.m.

Just a reminder that The Bidwell House is open for tours Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. throughout the summer and early fall. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children. Please call for further information, 528-6888.

— Anita Carroll-Weldon



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## WITCHCRAFT

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## DIANE'S BRIDGE, ROADSIDE PANCAKES

*This story originally appeared in Berkshires Week, July 6, 1995.*

Sometimes the greatest wonders arise from loss. The new, handsome, beautifully built bridge over Rawson Brook just upstream of its confluence with the Konkapot River on the Gould Farm property in Monterey is a celebration of Diane Rausch, a nurse and a lover of nature who died of cancer in 1992.

Diane was married to Bob Rausch, team leader of gardens and grounds at Gould Farm. After her death, a close friend of the couple's, Jon Greene, suggested to Rausch, "Gee, Bob, you've dealt with trails so long, why not make a trail in memory of Diane?"

The men envisioned a trail between Curtis Road and Wellman Road, but realized that it would have to cross either the Konkapot River or Rawson Brook. Greene recalls saying to Rausch, "We can build a bridge." That was two and a half years ago, at the plan's inception.

The project became a labor of love that involved the Gould Farm and Monterey communities, and was "kind of a dream," Rausch said. I was honored to be invited to the bridge's dedication ceremony three weeks ago.

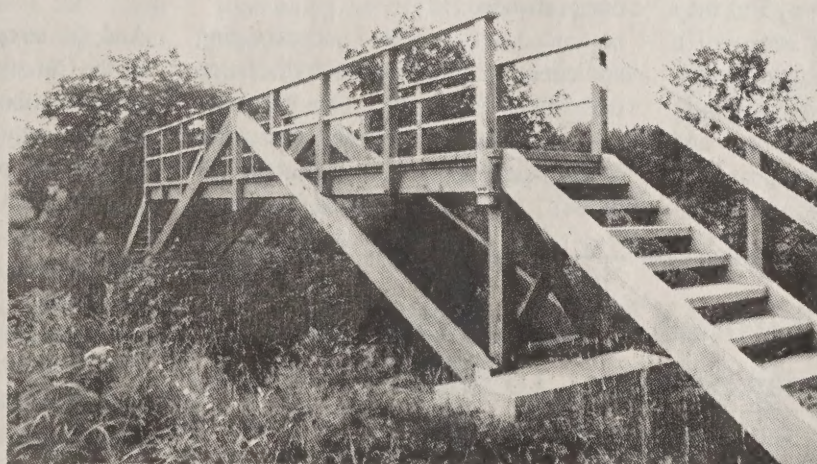
The sun seared hot that day, and after eating a light lunch at the Farm's Main House, about 150 of Diane's relatives, friends, and connections trooped down to the bridge at the edge of the northeast pasture.

It's massive. Rising close to ten feet above Rawson Brook, and accessible by nine-step staircases at each end, the bridge features two triangular gables that pierce the deck near the center of the span. The bridge's height accommodates the

brook's changing elevation throughout the year, but was also necessary to incorporate the gabled design, Greene said, a bit sheepishly. "I'm not a bridge builder, but one neat thing is it gives a wonderful perch when you're up there."

Lots of people were indeed perching and gaping that day. "Look at that big fish," said one child to his dad, pointing to a black Lab eagerly lapping water from the water below.

The bridge felt solid and friendly, warm with the smell of newly stained hemlock and citronella.



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At the service, Jon Greene thanked many neighbors—Bob Thieriot for providing and sawing the timbers, Leigh Tryon for donating stones, the Monterey Conservation Commission for its cooperation, etc., etc. He described hundreds of hours of gut work pouring concrete footings, raising the bridge, coaxing the gables' kingpins into place, avoiding accidents. Incredulously, and with pain, he embraced the bridge project as a means of processing a person's death.

Bob Rausch, tall and dignified, thanked his neighbors, too, and described Diane's love of the world around her.

The third member of the bridge-building triumvirate was Peter Sachs, a wildly vital architect who was a Gould Farm guest during the project. He likened the whole experience to "a country-western song sung backwards: he gets the truck fixed, the wife back, and his license—in that order." Altogether a life-

affirming effort.

This relatively private side of Gould Farm life is balanced by a public side embodied in its Roadside Store. Located on Route 23 just west of Curtis Road, it looks like a gas station—which it is, but its unassuming café is one of the best places around to chat, hang out, buy maple syrup or wool produced on the Farm, and eat breakfast. The store is staffed by a Gould Farm work leader and guests whose work duties at Roadside are an integral part of rehabilitation.

Last week regular customer Matthew Breuer of Monterey sat with two friends, Kerry Kelly and Kimo Lee, and ate a large peach pancake.

"Large" is an understatement. The pancake hangs over the edges of the plate and measures about fourteen inches across and up to half an inch thick.

"The pancakes should be denoted by hubcap size," instead of their conventional monikers, observed Breuer. "Small is a Honda, medium is a

Ford Taurus, and large is a Mack truck. It's fitting, considering that this is a gas station."

Modestly, at the counter, George Brown was only eating a medium (about ten inches) buckwheat pancake with fresh berries and banana. Both men were working their way from the center out, leaving a ring of uneaten pancake around the plate's edge. "I like the symmetry," said Brown.

Joan Reed, from "almost across the street," pointed to the remains of her blueberry muffin. "I go all over the world, and these are the best."

They're also good fuel before a hike on the trails or over the bridge. Gould Farm's trails are open to the public, provided visitors stop at the main office to pick up a trail map. Roadside Store is open seven days, 7:30 'til 3. The grill closes at 2 p.m.

— Elizabeth Field



## PREJUDICE: THE WOUNDED SOUL

While attending Duke University in the late 1950s and early 1960s, I was introduced to the civil rights movement. Movie theaters, lunch counters at five-and-dime variety stores, bus terminals—all served to remind me vividly of deeply entrenched racial prejudices. These experiences reinforced and expanded my awareness of prejudice that I had known in the form of anti-Semitism while living and working in Lake Placid, New York, during the '40s and '50s. It was and is easy to be absorbed by the surface issues of racism and anti-Semitism. But they are simply the presenting issues of a more profoundly disturbing state of heart.

Fear is most often cited as the basic ingredient of prejudice. It is easy and convenient to project our personal fears onto people and events that are notice-

ably different. But that is symptomatic of a greater dislocation within the soul. The greater the discomfort within, the more likely, it seems, that it is shifted to someone or something outside the self. It may be, after all is said and done, that our fears are the open wounds of our own soul or heart. Recent events in Great Barrington, as reported in the local newspapers, have reminded us that the condition of our society and our souls needs to be tended with renewed understanding and compassion. It is easy to discharge the burdens of the heart by blaming someone or something else. It is hard to submit to the patient and gentle examination of oneself. We are not comfortable with



that in a society that places primary importance on quick fixes and superficial and impersonal communication.

For me, as a disciple in and of the Christian faith, the historic institutional church has significantly contributed to that climate of intolerance and prejudice. Religious dogmatism or opinion has been and continues to be the seedbed for much of the intolerance that one sees in the world.

And the arrogant assertion encouraged by the Christian Church, that our way of believing about God and humankind is the right way, has significantly contributed to the present social and cultural climate of intolerance.

It is absolutely necessary that the recent events of racial prejudice and anti-Semitism be seen within the context of the wounded and unexamined soul. We are, of all the creatures of this earth, endowed with the capacity to do that kind of reflecting. Not to do so would be the height of irresponsibility and would simply lead to scapegoating. My understanding of the Christian faith tells me that we are all loved with a wonderful and healing love born of God's compassion. That, it seems to me, should underlie the private reflection within our souls, and the public conduct of our social lives.

— Keith Snow

### Monterey United Church of Christ Sunday Services • 10 a.m.

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**Preventing Falls** To reduce the risk of falling, you can take simple, low-cost safety precautions in your home and check your habits to insure that you are doing what you can to prevent a fall. Look around your home and see if you can make it safer.

In the kitchen, use a sturdy step stool to reach items in upper cabinets. Wipe up grease, water, and other spills immediately. Use non-slip wax, or no wax, on floors.

In bathrooms, place non-skid appliques or non-skid mats in bathtubs and showers. Have a well-secured grab bar installed in your bathtub or shower.

In general, avoid the use of throw rugs. Secure carpets with double-faced carpet tape to avoid slipping. Remove all loose wires and cords. Stairs should have a sturdy railing on *both* sides. Make sure halls, stairways, and entrances are well lighted. Have a light within easy reach of anyone entering a room.

**Senior Luncheon** A small group enjoyed the luncheon held at the Town Hall on June 23, which was followed by an informative and entertaining video and talk provided by Sue Sellev of Rawson Brook Farm. Watch for the next senior luncheon tentatively planned for September.

— Pauline Nault

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The center for Ecological Technology (CET) has been chosen by the National Recycling Coalition and Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) as a local host organization for two VISTA workers who will assist with community recycling programs in Berkshire County.

Applicants for these local VISTA positions must have a high school diploma or a GED, and a valid driver's license. Those with college credits or environmental experience, and a strong interest in promoting voluntarism and community service are encouraged to apply.

VISTA will provide qualified individuals with a monthly living allowance, comprehensive medical insurance, and a \$4,725 education award upon completion of one year of service. CET will provide training, staff supervision, office space, and travel reimbursement.

For more information, contact Alan Silverstein at CET, 112 Elm Street, Pittsfield, phone 413-445-4556.

## YANKS WIN THANKS

The 1995 Monterey Yankees Kiwanis Little league baseball season is now history. The boys and girls aged nine to twelve years played teams from New Marlborough, Egremont, and Sheffield. The final record was nine wins, five losses.

I have coached baseball at this level for ten years, and it was a joy working with this group of children. My gratitude to Bob Bourque for his early season help, Ed Briggs also. Julie Kelley and Agnes Bourque were great with an unusually large group of PeeWees (ages five to eight). Thanks are due as well to parents, who got the kids to their practices and games, and to my wife Carol, for understanding that baseball can still be a great experience for adults and children, especially at this level.

— Jim Edelman

**TOM GILLIS - Builder**

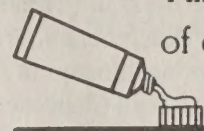
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## CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Children's Health Program celebrated its twentieth anniversary this June. Congratulations to all the communities and people who have helped the organization grow over the last twenty years!

Free tickets (sponsored by the Arts Councils of Lenox and West Stockbridge, and Family Support Network of Children's Health Program) are available to the Robbins-Zust Marionette shows in the area this August. Call Claudette at 528-9311.

Discount tickets (\$1.75 each) are available for the Berkshire Theatre Festival Children's Theatre Season, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in August at 12 noon. Again, call Claudette.

Musicworks, a series of free musical programs especially for children and their families, sponsored by the National Music Foundation in Lenox, will begin on August 26 at 1 p.m. in the Berkshire Performing Arts Theatre. For more information, call 637-1800.

On August 15 at the Housatonic playground a special playgroup will be held

for families with children from six to twelve months old, and siblings. The regular playgroup will also be held, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Raindate: August 22.

On August 17 there will be blueberry picking in Mt. Washington, 10 a.m.-12 noon. There will be a charge for blueberries picked. Call in August for cost. Meet at CHP, 9:30 a.m. Pack a picnic lunch and bring pails.

Playgroup leader training will be held August 24. We are looking for leaders and substitutes for our thirteen playgroups. Call Miriam at 528-9311.

August playgroups (cancelled if the weather is rainy) will continue on the following schedule:

**Tuesdays** Housatonic playground, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

**Wednesdays** York Lake, Sandisfield; 3-5 p.m. Parking fee waived.

**Thursdays** Undermountain School playground, Sheffield, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Clothing Exchange will need to be relocated. We will advise everyone of our new location.

Busy parents often have trouble finding time to spend with their children. The July issue of *Growing Together* suggests the following for time management:

- Designate one time period per week for high-intensity jobs—correspondence, bill paying, or grocery list making.
- Simplify toy storage by using labeled bins and buckets. Rotate multipieced toys monthly so you're not overrun by cleanup.

• Eliminate interruptions of a big job by having one parent tend the children rather than lend a hand with the task.

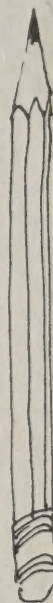
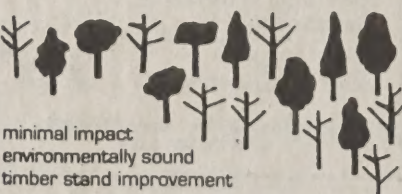
• Do your weekly cleaning on Friday night and food shopping on Monday, thereby freeing up the weekend for pleasure.

• Share weekly jobs with a friend—one week at his or her house, the next week at yours. You'll cut work time in half and have a chance to visit in the bargain.

Anyone wishing to receive *Growing Together*, a newsletter for parents of preschool children, can contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Greene County, HCR 3, Box 906, Cairo, NY 12413-9503. There is a small subscription charge.

We have two new additions to our video lending library: *Stranger Dangers, Parents' Guide* (forty minutes), and *Stranger Dangers, Children's Guide* (forty minutes).

— Claudette Callahan

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## REP RAP

*An unedited communication from the office of Fourth Berkshire District Representative-Hodgkins.*

On Monday, June 6, 1995, the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed the Open Space Bill, a \$370 million bond for environmental enhancement and protection. I am very excited about this bill and what it offers Berkshire County.

The bill provides close to \$100 million for programs which will allow private organizations to help state agencies identify and acquire open lands threatened with development. Often, private land trusts have the will and the local knowledge, but lack the means to protect important environmental resources. On the other hand, state agencies often have difficulty utilizing land acquisition funds in the most effective way. This bond will combine local know-how and priorities with state muscle to protect our most treasured open spaces.

I sponsored a provision of this bill

which will directly benefit our local communities, an appropriation of at least \$1 million for the design, land acquisition, and construction of a bikeway along the Housatonic River. I have often said that the Housatonic is Berkshire County's greatest natural resource, but in the past few years it has been appreciated less and less for the role it has played in our region's industrial history. I believe this bike path will provide a healthful way to enjoy and appreciate the scenic beauty and history of the Housatonic River and Berkshire County.

As of this date, the Open Space Bill has not come to vote in the state Senate. However, Senator Jane Swift is committed to the bill and its provisions for Berkshire County, and we are confident it will pass intact soon.

The Open Space Bill will help us give our children a Berkshire County as beautiful as the one we inherited from our parents. Let us avail ourselves of this opportunity to help the state protect our environment.

— State Rep. Christopher Hodgkins

## NOTICE

A quarterly meeting of all Monterey town officers, boards, and committees will be held on Tuesday, August 8, at 7 p.m. in the Town Offices. The Select Board invites all interested parties to attend.



MAGGIE LEONARD



## OFF THE ROAD AGAIN

### Oblivious on Route 23

I started my story for the next *Monterey News*, but the arrival of the Memorial Day Night issue distracted me. Anita Carroll-Weldon crouched in her car on the road outside. Ann McGinley wrapping a towel around the bleeding Sonny, thrown out of the car by the tornado! *[Seong Choi is steadily recuperating at home in Sheffield. The concrete slab at Eagleton School east of the horse corral on Route 23 is the beginning of a memorial chapel scheduled for dedication at 11 a.m. on August 18, when three trees will be planted in memory of Christopher Bilodeau, Vinson Verble, and Leslie Elson, who lost their lives in the tornado. Bruce Bona, Director of Eagleton, invites all to attend.—Ed.]* John and Maureen Congdon lying with their dog in the hall as a big white pine and cherry tree crashed onto the roof!

I put away my started story, and wrote this instead. Where was I, at this moment on that Monday night? I was casually looking through my things in my attic storage room way up high in my house at Route 23 and River Road. The forecast had said "thunder storm coming." We have those all the time living in Monterey. I switched on the TV. A lot of static. Not a thing about a storm. (In Alabama, where we have lots of tornados, there is a four-hour tornado watch every ten minutes on the bottom of the

screen, telling where it is touching down.) That night only the jiggling bad picture on the TV screen. The rain was really coming down on the non-insulated roof. So loud. Then hail. Wind was really blowing. Back to my searching.

Outside, not far away, on River Road, Michele and Francine, in their car, saw



P. MURETT

the sky darken...branches and debris were coming down. A tree fell in front of the car, and a utility pole behind.

Up in my storage room, I was working. Didn't see the brown sky. Didn't hear any loud crashes. I didn't smell the strong scent of pine. The rain and wind were making SO MUCH noise on the roof. All of a sudden the lights went out. That happens all the time, where you live in a forest. So I took my flashlight, went downstairs. The rain had lessened con-

siderably. I went to my camper—a camper always has (battery) lights!

I turned on my camper radio. The local station was going to stay on (generator) all night because a TORNADO had swept through Great Barrington! Wow! The dogs and I walked down my driveway. About a hundred feet down two great pines lay twisted across my driveway, and into the wires. I thought some of the wind must have reached Monterey. A man appeared from nowhere. "Is everything all right here?" I said, "Just two trees here. We're fine." He hurried away, tying a yellow streamer as he went. Funny, I thought. Of course we're fine! I returned to get ready for bed. No lights. No phone. Go to bed!

As I was pulling down the blankets, out in the dark a mother was wailing, "I don't know where my children are!" to a row of men running chainsaws. Linda, an old friend, up the road a little way, terrified. Trees had crashed through her roof, shattered glass. She'd put her scared dog in her car (which *couldn't* navigate the wall of downed trees on Route 23), and climbed over and around the trees trying to find her daughter Kim. They met somewhere on the road—maybe in front of my house! I was sleeping soundly.

When I finished reading the July issue of the *Monterey News*, I read it over again! As it said on page one, "many were terrified...many others were oblivious."

—Joan Woodard Reed

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## MONTEREY GRANGE

Monterey Grange No. 291 met July 19 for a patriotic program. At the meeting on June 21, a special awards night, Special Deputy Fred Bardwell presented a Past Master's Jewel to Worthy Master Tolitha Butler. Members and visitors from Stockbridge enjoyed a variety program. The Grange baked and donated 560 cookies for the Red cross coffee hour at Veterans' Hospital in Leeds. Plans are underway for several fund raisers. The Grange will be putting up an exhibit at the Blandford Fair.

On August 16, beginning at 8 p.m., Monterey Grange will observe our annual Youth Night. Youth will conduct the meeting, furnish the program, have a special fund raiser, and help with refreshments.

— Fraternally,  
Mary Wallace, Lecturer



*At a special awards night in June, Mary Wallace received a pin in recognition of her forty-five years of continuous service as Lecturer of Monterey Grange. Left to right: Patricia Hardisty, Mary Wallace, Deputy Peter Martin, Charles Knight, and Special Deputy Fred Bardwell.*

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## THE OBSERVER - JUNE

It's been dry for a long time now. Last summer produced banner crops of mold and mildew, and there was one thunderstorm in 1994 that dumped more than six inches of rain here in twenty-four hours. This June rainfall was two inches short of the total for the month a year ago, and almost three inches short of the regional norm. In Monterey for the first six months of the year, precipitation stands at 17.39", nearly four inches less than the regional norm for the period, 21.25". In January there was unusually heavy rain, and precipitation totaled more than an inch above the norm; then through April precipitation was slightly below the norm; but May and June, a time of normally increasing precipitation, were increasingly dry, and less than half the usual amount of rain fell each month.

High temp (6/19 and 6/20) .....92°  
 Low temp. (6/28) .....44°  
 Avg. high temp. ....80°  
 Avg. low temp. ....54°  
 Avg. temp. ....67°  
 Monthly norm. (Pitts.) .....63.5°  
 Precip. occ. ....6 days  
 Total precip. ....1.36" rain  
 Monthly norm. (Pitts.) .....4.13"  
 High bar. press. (6/9) .....30.19"  
 Low bar. press. (6/28) .....29.04"  
 High humidity (6/23) .....100%  
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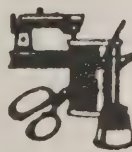


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Adam,  
bring me an apple for remembrance —  
symbol in wilderness  
between two trees  
I've seen that cross too long: a rose  
grafted onto pain  
and all the petals lying  
in footsteps toward the question  
your answer bones lie under red earth  
calling me —  
the tree of life  
the serpent told me  
springs from the world-axis  
a noumenon  
growing in a grey ocean out there  
without horizons —  
will you even find it?  
My dear, I once knew green leaves, warm bread, and desire  
wet and curling  
with swelling veins of joy  
forgive me, have pity of my thin lips  
just promise, oh promise  
one apple, red and fierce  
white within and crisp with wisdom  
with shining pips bursting in winter for spring —  
Adam, should you come and go a Sunday  
one last apple to remember life!

— A. O. Howell





## POST-TORNADO-STRESS POEM NUMBER FOUR

*The scent of pine  
once meant Christmas.  
This December  
I'll hang wreaths of  
holly on my doors,  
bring one tree inside  
the house, plant it  
as an altar,  
a symbol of  
gratitude, an  
angel tree, a pine.*

— MaryKate Jordan

## THE MERCILESS KILLERS

*What has become of the woodland scene  
So quiet and peaceful there by the stream,  
And a little bit farther down in the glade,  
The pink lady slippers that grew in the shade?  
The painted trillium, wake robin, red,  
And the dog-tooth violet with bowed down head?  
They've been crushed to their death in this spot serene  
By junked cars, marring the once fair scene.  
Some battered and bent from hard work and use;  
Others had known not a thing but abuse.  
The squirrels in the tree-tops scold and frown  
At that unsightly rubble down there on the grown.  
While high overhead the sun's all aglow  
The woodland flowers find no room to grow.  
There the robin sings; and the woodthrush, still;  
But battered old cars now cover the hill.*

— Eleanor Kimberley



## EVANESCENT BOUQUET

*This morning as I walked down the meadow  
I was struck still by a little glory of color  
Lighting up the top of our close-budded peartree:  
For a moment, a pair of bluebirds  
And a male goldfinch sat motionless.  
Then off they went in at least six directions,  
Six varieties of upward flight  
And ended all together in the tallest maple,  
Safe from the propinquity of meadowwalkers.*

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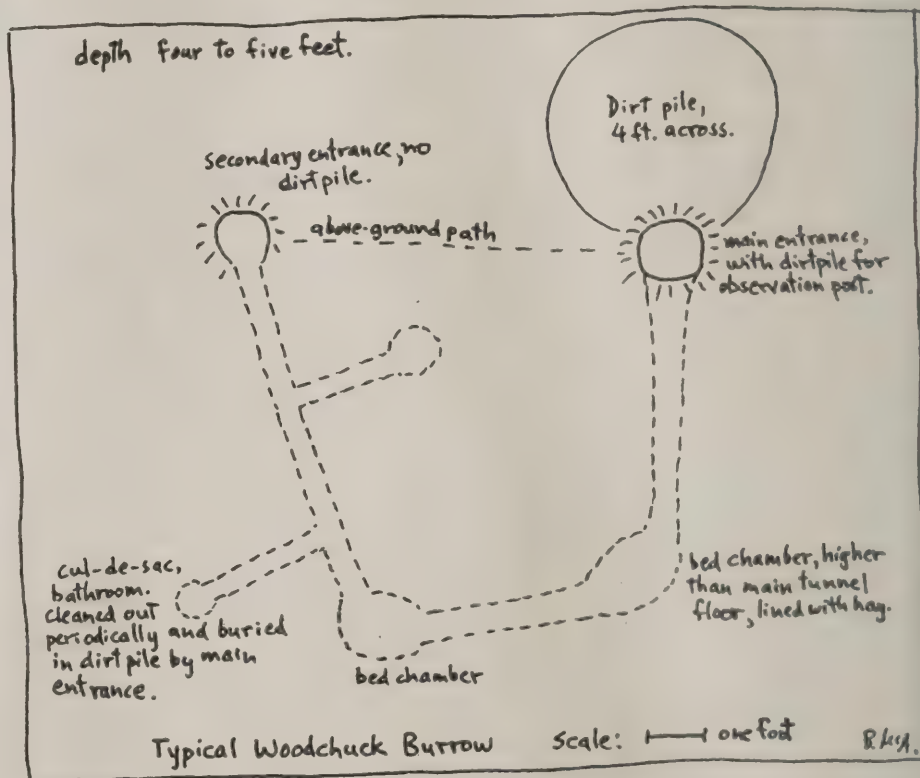
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## CONSIDER THE WOODCHUCK, MONK OF THE MOUNTAINS

This is midsummer in the Berkshires, our most delirious and frantic time of year. Cultural events and lovely weather abound, luring us out of our slower, more sensible modes. Visitors arrive, expeditions are proposed, we can't say no. The garden beckons, the grass grows, the

Marmota monax. Marmota means rat or mouse of the mountains and monax means monk. Ernest Thompson Seton wrote in 1902 that the woodchuck was named monax "because it is usually seen living a simple secluded life in a cell, fat, sleek, alone, and contented."

This impression of the quality of life of the woodchuck is supported by the observations of a few people who have kept them as pets. Nowadays of course



children have recitals and birthday parties. Are we crazy? Can we not take a nap in the shade, eat sensibly, and stay off the highways? We can, if we listen to the teachings of our own little Buddha, the sleek and contented woodchuck.

The name woodchuck has nothing to do with wood or chucks. It is an anglicization of ot-choek or wejack, which are Cree Indian words for fisher, which is an animal with fur and four legs, but which otherwise bears little resemblance to the woodchuck. Maybe it was summer in the Berkshires when some English-speaking explorer hurriedly noted down "woodchuck" before dashing off to the next event.

The Latin name for this creature is

we know better than to keep wild creatures as pets, but there was a time when folks did this sort of thing, ignorantly if not innocently, and thanks to their writings we know some intimate details of the life of the woodchuck. For instance, over 100 years ago the Honorable Daniel Wadsworth, of Hartford, Connecticut, "kept a fine Woodchuck in captivity in this house for upward of two years." At first it was "....rather wild, and somewhat cross and mischievous," but "...gradually it became more quiet, and suffered itself to be approached by the inmates of the kitchen, these being the cook, a fine dog, and a cat, so that ere many months had elapsed it would lie on the floor near the fire, in company with the dog, and



would take food from the hand of the cook." Another pet woodchuck, in 1872, sat in a high-chair at the dinner table of Dr. A. Kellogg. He wrote, "For the last forty years the fact of the woodchuck being able to sing like a canary bird, but in a softer, sweeter note, has been quite familiar to myself and others, who could be brought forward as witnesses." He describes the singing of his own woodchuck: "Its earnest and restless concupiscent purr as it scented sweet cake and fragrant viands was wonderful... There was a slight moving of the nostrils and lips, and consequently whiskers, with an air of unmistakeable happy or serene enjoyment." (These two accounts are quoted in Seton, *Life-Histories of Northern Animals*, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1909.)

Woodchucks are also called ground hogs, whistlers, siffleurs (by the French), or whistle pigs. They are the only animals in this country honored by the assignation of a national day, February 2, Ground Hog Day. As it turns out, this honor, like the name woodchuck, is only indirectly applicable to the little mountain monk, as it was originally attached to the European badger, who was supposed to emerge from her burrow on Candlemas Day (February 2) and then duck back down for more winter if she saw her shadow. Home-sick Europeans in the early days of their

settlement of the eastern part of this continent looked in vain for a badger and settled for the woodchuck, who is all things to all people.

To some people, the woodchuck is an extreme nuisance, not to say hate object. These people are likely to be



tillers of the soil, growers of grains, vegetables, flowers. Woodchucks like to eat all these things, also buttercups, thistles, coltsfoot, daisies, paintbrush, clover, the bark of young maples, wild cherries, sumacs, and an occasional grasshopper or June bug. In turn, woodchucks are themselves good eating. One farmer from northern Washington, a Colville Indian,

said woodchucks are so good to eat he'd rather have a good woodchuck pasture than a fine cornfield.

Around here the eaters of woodchucks are foxes, dogs, coyotes, big owls and hawks, and bobcats. Despite this impressive line-up of predators and the enmity of many clever human beings, woodchucks survive in healthy numbers. They are creatures with short legs, not athletic-looking. From October to March, woodchucks enter a torpid state with slowed metabolism and greatly lowered temperature. After a brief mating season and a few weeks of child-rearing, they eat three times a day and nap the rest of the time. They get quite fat and then sleep all winter again. Where in this life-style is the secret of their success?

Seton says, "The secret of its life and the sum of its wisdom is this—keep close to the ground. In time of fear it flies to Mother Earth. This, indeed is wisdom, for our wise (people) tell us all flesh is earthborn

Anteus-like, that nations die as surely as they quit the soil."

If we are to survive another rich summer in our Berkshire mountains, we should heed the little monk. Stick close to Mother Earth and stay off the road. Sleep, sing, and take time to stop and eat the daisies.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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## WILDLIFE SURVEY

*We gave up the Survey space to tornado news last month, so wildlife observed in June and July is reported here.*

### Mammals

To start with the large ones, Monterey is becoming Beartown. There is apparently at least one bear that is "tuned in to people," as Dale Duryea says. Assuming it's just one omnipresent bear, it turned up at the main blowout spot on Route 23 as disoriented as every-one else after the tornado, walked across the road on June 13 in the town center on its way to the Phillipses', visited the Murketts on June 20 (after sniffing around the back porch for a while, then tipping over a lidded metal garbage can in the front yard and munching on the contents, it went off into the woods and returned an hour or so later with another bear), and has come right up to buildings at Gould Farm several times.

Note: If you run a bird feeder all summer, you are risking bear damage. No food should be left out, and don't get chummy even with a people-friendly bear. Dale warns that continuing dry weather in July has made bears and other animals more likely to come around houses in search of food. A bear recently raided the kitchen at Jacob's Pillow. The

DEP estimates 1,500 bears in Massachusetts now, as against 500-800 last year.

Deer are abundant. A few were killed in the tornado; half-grown fawns have been spotted by the roadsides. A porcupine was seen on Bidwell Road and a fisher on Mount Hunger Road. In July David McAllester heard and saw a porcupine singing (squealing) high in a poplar tree near Hupi Road. Beavers are busy on Lake Garfield and in the Konkapot River. The raccoon population is coming back, but be wary of any who are acting dazed or aggressive—the rabies alert is still with us. This is a big year for squirrels and even more so for chipmunks. One day in July a chipmunk came right into the Thorn house, which has never happened before. One old timer told Eleanor Kimberley he hasn't seen this many chipmunks in forty years. They are superabundant in western Connecticut, too. Dale has had reports of squirrels and raccoons moving into houses that were damaged by the tornado.

On Blue Hill Road, Storrs Olds saw a young raccoon and a weasel from his kitchen window in early May.

### Birds

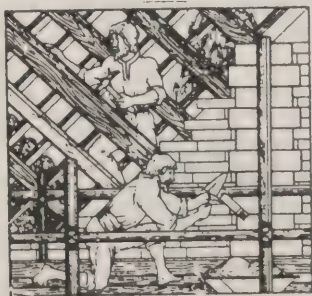
Loul McIntosh reports from Gould Farm: "The hummingbirds showed up May 8 and empty eight ounces of sugar water every three days. Two sets of cat-

birds were chasing (courting?) a single catbird, first one set of two and then the other. A yellow warbler pair has built a nest in the lilac bush below my study window. This morning a chipmunk was climbing up: father warbler was at his most threatening: beak wide open, wings and tail fully spread. A hawk has his nest on our sunset rock trail and sky dives all trespassers. The flickers, catbirds, starlings, robins feel no need to move from the lawn as I pass by. I like that."

Dale saw a loon over the weekend of June 18, his third such sighting on Lake Garfield, ever. He's heard that somebody saw two, raising the possibility of a nest. He saw a flock of turkeys in a field off Brett Road as the tornado approached. They went flat to the ground, apparently sensing an atmospheric pressure change. MaryKate Jordan wrote: "Saw my first-ever pileated woodpecker. He or she was flying north on Route 7 just below Monument Mountain two or three days after the tornado. Glad to see he or she made it even though his or her habitat was no doubt severely altered. Maybe we should make him or her the state bird!" Other sightings: Mallards, sandpipers, crows, loon (!), May 22; brown thrasher, June 3; wild turkey and chicks, junco nesting in cut-bank, June 9; yellow warbler, chestnut-sided warbler, veery, red-eyed vireo, bluebird, tree and barn swallows, ovenbird, crested flycatcher, June 15; tanager, barred owl, redstart, catbird, June 18 to 22.

From Alice Howell on Beartown Mountain Road: "Our birdwatching friends spotted a golden-throated warbler twice in our high cranberry bush. I saw two baby robins take off from nest in hanging geranium pot. First flight! As exciting as a launch on Cape Canaveral!"

Correction: it was chickadees, not



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Correction: it was chickadees, not phoebes, in Eleanor Kimberley's bird box as reported previously.

## Amphibians

Gould Farm, June 3: "Spring peepers still calling, but bullfrogs getting into the act." Same thing all month in Lake Garfield. Tree frogs racketing in the trees. Salamanders in the red eft phase in the woods.

## Reptiles

Very large snapping turtle in Lake Garfield, June 13. It had moss-like growth on its back so that David McAllester, the spotter, thought at first it was a beaver's back. Gould Farm: "As usual, the garter snakes are back. They sun themselves in the grass before the flower bed, which is before the concrete stoop leading out through the back door. They disappear under the stoop when scared, into the flowers when ill at ease. First there was one, then two in a tight embrace. Next day there were three, each curled up separately. (Ménage à trois did not seem successful.) Day after there were six: two big ones, three little ones, one middlesized one (June 3).

## Insects

Mosquitoes and midges have taken over from the blackflies. Thousands of damselflies doing their erratic dance over Lake Garfield at sunset June 13. Dragonflies hawking after mosquitoes. Waterstriders, all kinds of ants, deerflies, fireflies, tiger swallowtails, mourning cloaks, a Polyphemus moth June 19. July: deerflies have become especially abundant and persistent.

## Plants

Conspicuous along the roads: viburnums: highbush cranberry (earlier), witherod and maple-leaved (later); blackberry blossoms in white arches; bishops weed, two to three feet high in banks of white umbels; mountain laurel. July: elderberry (white umbels), wild parsnip (yellow umbels).

June 3: golden Alexander, cinquefoil, daisy fleabane, yellow iris, yellow hawkweed, cowslip, jack-in-the-pulpit, myrtle, columbine, elderberry, sand plum baneberry, hawthorn, lady's slipper, celandine, sweet fern, foamflower, ladies' smock; June 9: panicled dogwood, wild geranium, buttercups, daisies, wild strawberries, pinxter, oak blossoms; June 10: wild lettuce, goatsbeard; June 13: yellow and red clover, laurel, ragged robin, willow and poplar "snow" (down, carrying

seeds in the wind); June 18: orange hawkweed, first wild strawberry fruits, bedstraw; June 22: flowering raspberry, baby's breath, swamp azalea, yarrow, white clover, blue-eyed grass, speedwell, meadow pink, bladder campion, fleabane, shrubby cinquefoil, forget-me-not. July: meadow pinks, pipsissewa, wild roses at their peak, tall meadow rue, first blueberries.

— David P. McAllester

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## PERSONAL NOTES

Hats off to **Betty Connery** of Lake Garfield, who was cited as Fairview Hospital's Volunteer of the Month for July. Betty, also a member of Fairview's Auxiliary, has been volunteering at the hospital since 1985, and is presently secretary to the Director of Volunteer Services. She does typing and clerical work on Wednesdays.

Best wishes to **Arnold Hayes** of Tyringham Road, who is retiring as Great Barrington's veterans' agent after eleven years of service. Arnold was awarded citations from both state legislative branches, and was commended for his outstanding service at ceremonies attended by both state Representative **Christopher Hodgkins** and a representative from the office of state Senator **Jane Swift**. The good news is that although he is stepping down from his post, Arnie plans to remain active in veterans' affairs and services in Berkshires County.

Several talented Monterey folks played some part in the making of **Sylvester Stallone's** latest movie, *Judge Dredd*. **Jason Brown** was a Visual Effects Assistant, **Jenny Brown** a Production Assistant, and **Mark Anderson** was a Best Boy Grip.

**Richard and Judith Westenburg**, longtime Lake Garfield residents, will be "home" performing together at the Berkshire Choral Festival in Sheffield on August 12. Richard will conduct and Judy will be a soloist in a performance of **Dave Brubeck's** *Mass and Prange Lingua Variations*. Judith will also perform as **Dido** in *Dido and Aeneas*, given by **Aston Magna** at St. James Church in Great Barrington on August 5. The Westenburgs now live in Connecticut; both truly miss Monterey and are grate-



*Fred Lancome presented this teak sculpture of his, titled "Introspection," as a gift to President and First Lady Bill and Hillary Clinton last April. Fred says he did this because he "like[s] the President's instincts (try to overlook his faiblesses) and I very much respect Hillary's intellect. I guess that some shaky male egos, who would like to cast her in the role of Xanthippe, will have to get used to the fact that there are some mighty intelligent 'she-persons' out there." In his reply, President Clinton thanked Fred for his kind words and thoughtfulness, and said he is working hard to "live up to your expectations."*

ful for the opportunity to perform in the Berkshires. They hope to see old friends.

Good luck to **Sthea Mason** of Main Road, who leaves this month for the Dominican Republic, where she will spend her junior year of high school as an exchange student with A. F. S. She will be living with a Spanish family in Arroyo Hondo and attending a Catholic girls' school.

Bravo! to all Monterey students named to area honor roll lists for the fourth and final quarter. At Mt. Everett Regional School in Sheffield, in grade nine, **Ellen Hamm** achieved High Hon-

ors and **Stephanie Hastedt**, **Sarah Pedersen**, and **Jeremy Vallianos** all made Honors. In grade ten, **Shaylan Burkhart** earned High Honors, while **William Conklin**, **Joseph Kopetchny**, **Kathryn Kopetchny**, and **Jared Thomson** all achieved Honors, and in grade eleven **Kevin Ohman** and **Jason Tanner** earned Honors. Also, in grade eight **David Shea** made High Honors and **Cedric Mason** and **Ian Rodgers** earned Honors, and in grade seven **Shanna Hamm** achieved High Honors and **David Ohman** made Honors.

At Monument Mountain Regional High School, **Joshua Aerie** earned High Honors and **Paul Makuc** Honors (their last hurrah!), and in grade ten **Morgan Clawson** earned Honors.

We're proud of all of you—keep up the good work!

Very happy birthday wishes this month to **Chelsey Smith** on August 2, to **Gabriella Makuc** on August 4, to **Kate Kopetchy** on August 5, to **David McAllester** on August 6, to **Ann Burns Smith** on August 7, to **Patrick Sheridan** on August 9, to **Kate Olds** and **Sarah Olds** on August 15, to **Michelle Grotz** and **Judith Westenburg** on August 20, to **Alton Heath** on

August 22, to **Amanda Thorn** on August 24, to **Ann McGinley** on August 26, and to **Rick Mielke** on August 30.

And happy anniversary wishes to **Tom and Jane Thorn** on August 19, to **Stefan and Stephanie Grotz** on August 23, to **Tom Morrison** and **Pam Gauthier** on August 28, and to **Jeff and Hannah Moran** on August 29.

We gratefully accept contributions! If you have a news item, birthday, etc., you would like to share, please please jot it down and drop it in the mail to me, just Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519.

— Stephanie Grotz



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To the Editor:

Thank you for returning my cheque (for ad I was hoping to run), and here is another one. I enjoy reading the Monterey News, especially the pieces by David McAllester and Bonner, and the poems of Eleanor Kimberley.

I don't agree with the paper's policy of not using advertising related to living places, though.

In advertising courses I learned that a publication always tries to publicize things that its readers are interested in. If many of yours aren't concerned with places to eat and sleep, then I am a lavender goldfish who should be swimmin' in another water.

I notice that you run plenty of ads for restaurants.

There is probably something about your policy that makes sense—has a reason—but it fails to meet my eye.

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— Regards,  
Sue Moody White

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To the Editor:

How fortunate we are to live in a community of caring, generous, involved people. This was abundantly demonstrated during the recent catastrophe by the long hours and hard work of Monterey's fire chief and emergency coordinator, Ray Tryon, and his group of tireless volunteers, our fire company, police department and other Town officials and volunteers.

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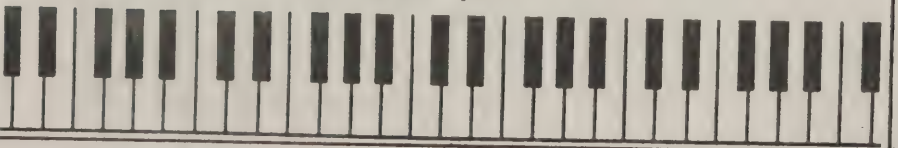
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## AN ALBUM OF EDITH



*In the studio.*



*With Marjorie McGlaughlin and their new Pontiac convertible in 1951.*



*With Parker Harmon in the spring of 1947.*



## EDITH LAVINIA WILSON

Edith Lavinia Wilson, 81, died on Tuesday, July 18, after a long illness. She was attended at her home on New Marlborough Road by Ann McGinley and Kay Pratt, with help from Hospice Care in the Berkshires.

Miss Wilson was born November 10, 1913, in Cairo, Illinois, the daughter of Alexander and Lavinia Scofield Wilson. She was a graduate of the Chicago Art Institute.

With her long-time friend and fellow-graduate of the Art Institute, Marjorie McGlaughlin, Edith established and ran the Gallery House in Chicago, where they showed the work of young artists from the area. After two and a half successful years, a fire destroyed the gallery in 1939. Three years later the women settled in Monterey, first coming to town as vacationers from New York, where Marjorie had family. Here the women became friends with Raymond Ensign, who at the time was proprietor of Brookbend Inn and a director of the Monterey Summer School for the Arts, as well as former Director of the Chicago Art Institute. It was 1942 when they bought and restored a 1790 house on New Marlborough Road that became their

home for more than fifty years. Miss McGlaughlin died in 1991.

Miss Wilson was a versatile artist who painted, drew, and sculpted. She did portraits, landscapes, still life, and abstracts. Her work was exhibited across



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the country, and was seen here most recently at the former Gallery in Monterey. She was first Art Editor of the *Monterey News* (the paper's masthead is her hand), and creator of the Monterey Town Seal. An interest in architecture led her to design, build, and renovate several houses here.

Miss Wilson was active in town af-

fairs for decades, serving on the School Board before there was ever a regional school district. She was a founder of the Monterey Planning Board in the late 1950s, helping to win the consent of the town to establish zoning; subsequently she helped persuade the state legislature to allow election of Planning Board members. (Monterey had the first elected Planning Board in the Commonwealth.) Edith also served the town on its Board of Appeals and Historical Commission, and was Registrar of Voters for ten years. She was a past member of the Democratic Town Committee.

In recent years Miss Wilson established the McGlaughlin-Wilson Scholarship Fund, dedicated to assisting Monterey high school graduates with their higher education.

A graveside service will be conducted at Corashire Cemetery in Monterey on Sunday, July 30, at 2 p.m. Reverend Keith Snow, Pastor of Monterey United Church of Christ, will officiate, and there will be a reception at the church in the town center following the ceremony.

Contributions in Miss Wilson's memory may be made to the McGlaughlin-Wilson Scholarship Fund, and to Hospice Care in the Berkshires, care of Finnerty and Stevens Funeral Home, Great Barrington.

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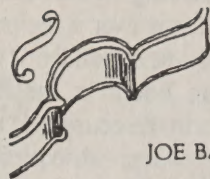
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## THE CRONE'S CRAFT

### Uranus into Aquarius: It Wasn't Just Another April Fool's Day

In its inimitable style, the universe chose April Fool's Day to catapult the planet Uranus into the sign Aquarius, where it functions most comfortably. Uranus has spent the last ten years slogging through Capricorn, the cardinal earth sign ruled by Saturn, where its action was confined and disciplined by encounters with crystallized structures and thought forms.

The universe, as always, provides the tools needed to get the job done. The time between now and the end of the year will bring a deeper understanding of how and where we may need to change. It's a good time to consider the question, Do I have a willingness to let go of some old, outworn comforts and securities?

If you're willing to let go, the universe is ready to help you succeed. So if you suffer from Capricorn difficulties—black and white judgments, patterns of excess responsibility, workaholic syndrome, mental inhibition of emotions, unfamiliarity with your own vulnerability, rigidity—try these Aquarian characteristics: take yourself lightly, risk looking foolish, have faith and resist judgment, open your heart. If you suffer from Aquarian difficulties—a need to shock for its own sake, a contempt for the physical world, spaciness, unthinking resistance to authority, poverty—apply these Capricorn characteristics: common sense (the uncommon quality), discipline, ambition, hard work, education.

In other words, whether we lean toward rigidity or anarchy as habitual modes of rearranging reality, it's time to consider that the opposite point of view may have merit. Take the best of both. Leave the rest behind.

From May through the end of the year, we're encountering first Uranus retrograde in Aquarius, then retrograde in Capricorn, then Uranus direct in Capricorn. In mid January, 1996, Uranus moves into Aquarius for about a decade.

— MaryKate Jordan



# CALENDAR

**Tuesdays, August 1 and 15** Colonial Crafts Workshops for Children: Weaving, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at The Bidwell House. Admission \$10. Registration two days prior to date, call 528-6888. (See p. 1.)

**Thursday, August 3** Meeting of the Monterey Parks Commission, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Offices.

**Sundays, August 6, 13, 20, and 27** AA meetings, 9 a.m. in the Monterey Firehouse.

**Sunday, August 6** "Strong Trees, Rocky Soil," a program of poetry read by MaryKate Jordan, 7 p.m., Monterey United Church of Christ. Free admission.

**Tuesday, August 8** Open quarterly meeting of all Monterey town officers, boards, and committees, 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. Public invited.

**Tuesdays, August 8 and 22** Colonial Crafts Workshops for Children: Printmaking. (Details as Tuesdays above.)

**Friday, August 11** "The Scarlet Letter," a production by Bigger Light Theater of Nathaniel Hawthorne's story, 5 p.m. at The Bidwell House. Admission \$8 adults, \$5 children. Rain date August 12. Information, 528-6888.

**Sunday, August 13** "Men's Voices, Women's Voices," a program of poetry read by MaryKate Jordan, 7 p.m., Monterey United Church of Christ. Free admission.

**Tuesday, August 15** Free blood pressure clinic,

9-10:30 a.m. in the basement room of the Monterey Grange (town offices), Main Road.

**Wednesday, August 16** Meeting of the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste District, 7 p.m. in the church basement.

**Thursday, August 17** "City Mouse, Country Mouse," a program of poetry read by MaryKate Jordan, 7 p.m., Monterey United Church of Christ. Free admission.

**Friday, August 18** "Witchcraft: Sixteenth Century Europe to the Colonies," a talk by Dr. Anne Barstow, 8 p.m. at the Monterey United Church of Christ. Admission free, contributions appreciated.

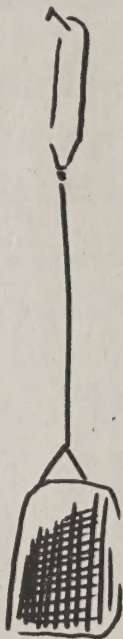
**Saturday, August 26** "Your Herbal First Aid Kit," a workshop with MaryKate Jordan, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the church basement. Free admission. Garden Tour: Harvesting, 2 p.m. at The Bidwell House. Admission free.

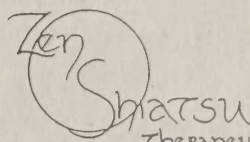
**"Baroque & Beyond,"** A concert of chamber music by Kenneth Cooper (harp-sichord), Josephine Mongiardo (soprano), and Lucy Bardo (gamba), 4:30 p.m. at the Meeting House on the village green in New Marlborough. Admission \$15 adults, \$5 children.

Square and contradance at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Music by Mountain Laurel, calling by Joe Baker. All dances taught, beginners and children welcome. Refreshments. Adults \$5, children \$2. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

**Sunday, August 27** Herbal Workshop, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Bidwell House. Admission \$25, includes light lunch and materials for wreathmaking. Registration, 528-6888.

**Sunday, September 3** Community Interfaith Service, Monterey United Church of Christ, 10 a.m.



  
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